

The Death of the Cross

Rom. 5:6-8; Phil. 2:6-8; Heb. 12:2

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- 6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Easy to Read Version)

Phil. 2:6-8

- ...Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

(Easy to Read Version)

Heb. 12:2

- ...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. (Easy to Read Version)

Tuning in...

- Jesus' death necessary
- So much sin! But Calvary was price enough I Jn. 2:2
- Jesus' bore OUR sins I Pet. 2:24
- Tasted death for all Heb. 2:9
- To appreciate, we must visualize it Gal. 3:1
- Clearly portray Christ crucified (nkj)

"He emptied Himself" Phil. 2:5-8

- Glorious pre-existence. Jn. 17:5; Phil. 2:6; Heb. 1:2-3, 10; I Pet. 1:20; Jn. 1:1-3
 - "Being"—always involves a pre-existent state, prior to the fact referred to (*His incarnation, NF*), and a continuance of that state after the fact." Vine

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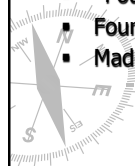
- "Form of God" (*morphe*) vs. "Form (*hypophe*) of a servant"
- That of which Jesus emptied Himself was the "form" in which He had eternally existed. He was "made flesh and dwelt among us."
- Great contrast . Cf. I Tim. 6:16; Mat. 20:28



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► Glorious pre-existence...

- "Emptied Himself" (v. 7). Freewill. Cf. Jn. 10:17-18
- "Poured out Himself to death." Isa. 53:12
- Found in fashion (*schema*) as a man
- Made "lower than the angels" Heb. 2:9

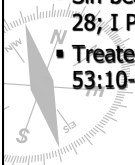


Made to be sin. 2 Cor. 5:21

► He was without sin. Heb. 7:26-27

► "Was made sin on our behalf." 2 Cor. 5:21 (ASV)

- Sin-bearer for world's sin. Jn. 1:29; Heb. 9:26, 28; I Pet. 2:24
- Treated as though He were a sinner. Isa. 53:10-12

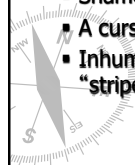


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► At Calvary "there they crucified Him." Lk. 23:33

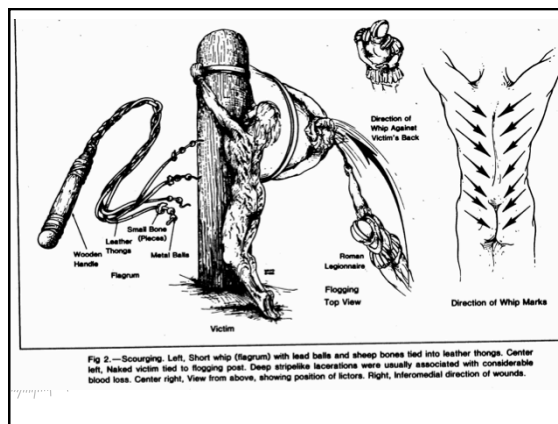
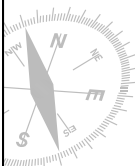
► Consider the death of the cross.

- Shameful. Heb. 12:2
- A curse. Deut. 21:23; Gal. 3:13
- Inhumanly painful—physical and mental agony: "stripes and travail of soul." Isa. 53:5,11



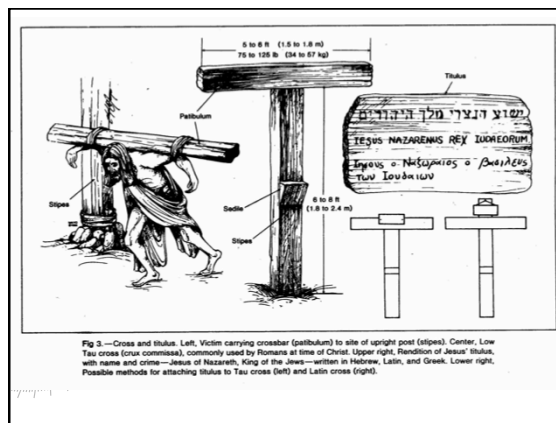
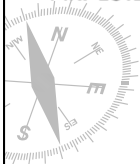
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- Scourged. Tied to a stake and beaten unmercifully.



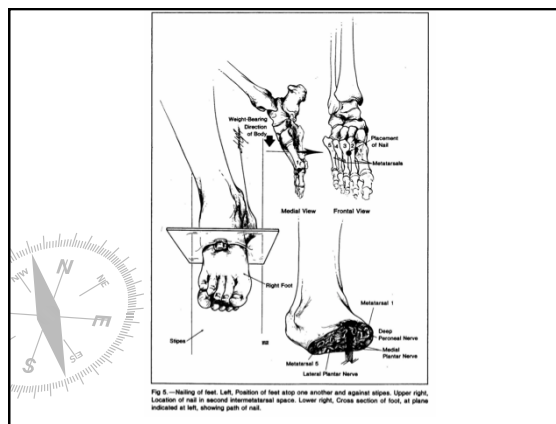
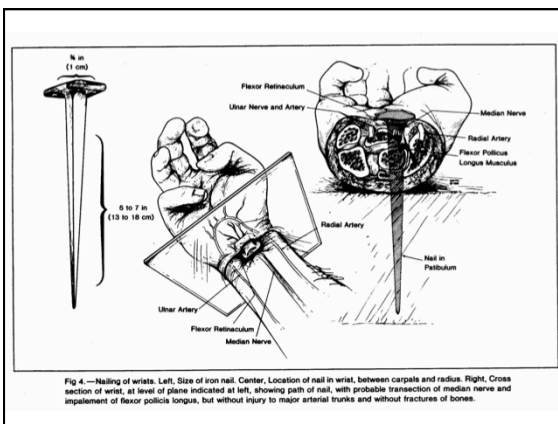
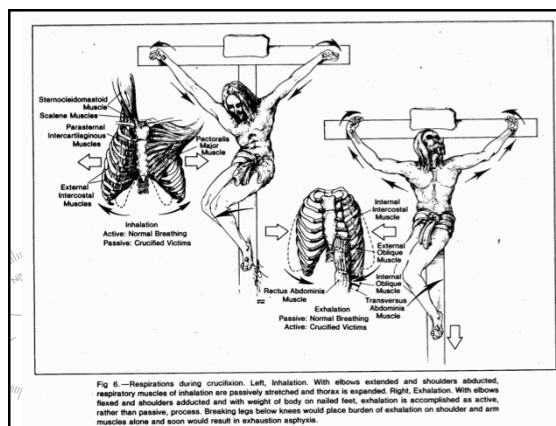
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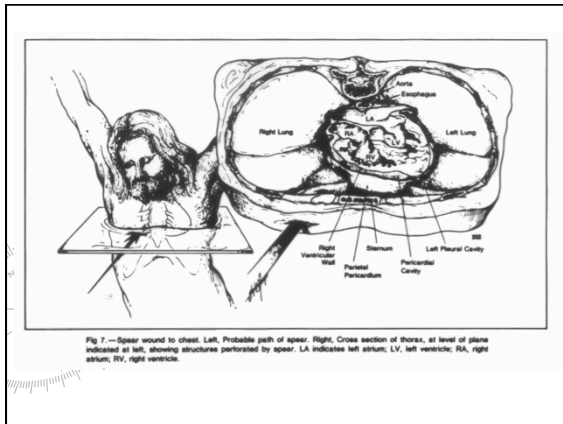
- Had received a "crown of thorns" Jn. 19:2; Mat. 27:29
- Victim forced to carry the cross, Jn. 19:17; Mk. 15:21



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- Victim was nailed to the cross.
- Suffered relentless, excruciating, throbbing pain, difficulty in breathing
- Parching thirst. Jn. 19:28





Crucified – Glorified.

Jn. 12:23,32; 17:1,5

- ▶ He won by losing
- ▶ Returned to the Father and now drawing men to Himself. Phil. 2:9-11



So...

- ▶ No room for pride or selfishness in the face of the cross.
- ▶ “Jesus died and paid it on the cruel tree...”
- ▶ A story calculated to move men to repentance and submission.

